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ACQUIRED SIX WIVES; YOUTH HELD INSANE

Scion of Wealthy Family Victim of Leisure.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Married six times during the last year and a half without having obtained a divorce, Thomas W. Wharton, twenty-three years old and scion of a wealthy Texas family, has been declared insane by a jury, which recommended incarceration in an asylum. Wharton is a son of A. B. Wharton and a grandson of W. T. Waggoner, multimillionaire banker and rancher.

Both father and grandfather were in the courtroom of Judge Emmett Moore when the jury returned its verdict. Attorneys and physicians had been employed by the family in its effort to prove that the young man is mentally unsound. His mother was the late Electra Waggoner Wharton, several times married and divorced. Only a few days ago Mrs. Doris Edna Day of Abilene, Texas, latest of his six wives, filed a suit against Wharton for $150,000 damages.

Testimony developed that Wharton's first marriage was to a California girl in 1925, whose name was not disclosed, while the other marriages were to Ian Riley, June 1, 1926, at Palm Beach, Fla.; Mary Melton, November 9, 1926, at Dallas; Irene Rolfe November 24, 1926, at Bartlesville, Okla.; Leora Murray, October 15, 1925, Colorado Springs, Col.; Doris Edna Day, December 4, 1926, at Abilene.

Unmoved by Trial.

Young Wharton, appearing at least ten years older than his twenty-three years, apparently took little interest in the proceedings and was unmoved when the verdict was returned. Testimony by Drs. Henry T. Smith, Jack H. McLean, Wilmer Allison and R. O. Braswell was to the effect that Wharton had become mentally deranged through excessive use of liquor and frequent participation in wild parties.

"Up to the time Tom was fifteen years old he was one of the brightest, healthiest and hardest-working boys I ever saw," Doctor McLean said on the stand. "But two years ago his condition became terrible and he has grown worse. His emotions are developed far beyond his intellect and will power and his condition is directly traceable to his excesses."

"The surest thing with this young man," the doctor testified, "is that he has never had anything to do. He was like any other boy, with a lot of energy and ambition, but since he was not put to work he expended his surplus energy in a dissolute life and this is the result. He was given an unlimited expense account and all he had to do was to kill time and spend a fortune any way he pleased. So he isn't altogether to blame. It is this very thing that is America's greatest problem today, but if wealthy parents won't make their sons work, nothing can be done about it."

Grandfather Big Rancher.

W. T. Waggoner, the grandfather, owns one of the largest ranches in Texas and early in life knew what it was to be poor and to work hard for a living. Oil wells, located on his ranches, have made him a multimillionaire many times over. The family owns two of Fort Worth's skyscrapers.

When young Wharton's mother died several months ago in New York members of the Wharton family employed a special train to make the trip to New York to reach her bedside before death.

China Shy of Machines; Hires Men for All Work

Peking.—Labor-saving devices are scarce in China, where manpower is abundant and wages low.

Two men working with a large, two-handled saw, will spend a day cutting one plank from a rough fifteen-foot timber. A mechanical saw, which would do the job in a matter of minutes, is looked upon with disfavor by the Chinese employer.

Peking's streets are sprinkled the year round by men with tubs and shallow bamboo baskets on the end of a pole. They have been sprinkled in that manner for generations from wells at intervals along the streets. Thousands of men would be thrown out of work if modern methods were substituted for the old practice.

The Bartlesha pulleys' guild and the wheelbarrow pushing water peddlers oppose the encroachments of street cars and waterworks upon their business.

Four Sets of Twins Born Out of Total of 23 Births

Moberly, Mo.—A new record for a rural community like this one was established in November when four sets of twins were born out of a total of 23 births, breaking all previous records along that line. The twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grove, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Bloss, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Benton.

Invents "Railplane"

Glasgow.—George Bennie, a Scotch engineer, has invented a system of "railplane" transport, by which cars on an elevated track are propelled by electrically driven airplane propellers.

Co-eds Lead

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Women students outranked men students at the University of Michigan last year. The scholarship average for all women was 78.111 and for all men 73.72.

TELLS OF FINDING RUM CACHED IN 1594

Found 310 Years After Being Left in Arctics.

New York.—The tale of nine bottles of rum, cached in the Arctic in 1594 by the Dutch explorer Barents, which finally ended their adventurous career in four ounces, 319 years later, is told by Robert H. Davis in the New York Sun.

The story, says Mr. Davis, was told him by Dr. John C. Vaughan, a practicing surgeon in New York city, who in 1903-1905 was physician on the American ad the Ziegler north pole expedition under Anthony Fiala.

Barents, after whom the Barents sea was named, says Davis, cached the rum with his stores and records when his ship was frozen in at Ice Haven, off the coast of Spitsbergen. Barents and four companions perished, while the others of the party were picked up in Lapland.

Liquor Cache is Found.

The rum, together with the other stores, remained undisturbed until 1894, when the old Barents camp was visited by the yacht Iris of the Leigh Smith expedition.

"Smith, being an Englishman" says the story, "was a stickler for the unwritten laws that protect one explorer's cache from the hand of another except in extremity. "The temptation to annex the nine bottles was strong, indeed, but he issued an order that two bottles, for medicinal purposes only, be taken.

"The Iris then sailed to Franz Josef land, where she was nipped in the ice at Cape Flora and went down in a few minutes. The doctor dragged the medicine chest ashore. The next spring the party left everything behind them, got away in a whaleboat and reached England."

Bottles Encased in Ice.

The Ziegler party came to Cape Flora in the summer of 1901, after they had lost their ship at Teplitz bay. The following spring when the ice melted they found a few torn pages of a diary kept by the Iris' doctor. These told of the finding of Barents' rum.

Pierre le Roya, a seaman, and a friend determined to find the ancient rum. Finally, when hope was about abandoned, the chest was found, a wide slice of ice. This was melted. Most of the vials had burst, but one small bottle containing four ounces was found intact, labeled, "Barent's Rum. Four Ounces."

"The four ounces were equally divided," says the story; "Pierre le Roya and his friend drank it on the spot."

And the "friend," says Mr. Davis, was Doctor Vaughan, who vouches for the tale and the quality of the rum.

Stolen Ruby Run Down in Heel of Woman's Slipper

Berlin.—Only a few weeks ago the famous Conde diamond was found concealed in an apple in a Paris hotel when a maid bit into the fruit, and now a valuable ruby stolen more than a year ago, has been traced by the police to a cavity in the heel of a dancing slipper.

In November, 1925, a ring, set with this square-cut ruby, was stolen in broad daylight from the principal jewelry shop of Berlin's largest suburb, Schoneberg. The other day a detective noticed a costly ruby ring on the hand of a woman he knew to be the sweetheart of a notorious burglar.

Two detectives hurried to the woman's apartment and searched it. But he ring was not found. Certain of his clew, however, the detective arrested next day with a policeman and renewed the search. After four hours it finally came upon the jewel in the hollow heel of a graceful satin slipper.

Ionsinking Torpedo Is Developed by Navy

Washington.—Development of a new torpedo, which will float high and vertically if it fails to hit its target, is revealed in the annual report of the chief of naval ordinance. By means of this device, termed an airblowing head, it is hoped that many spent torpedoes can be recovered.

A new periscope target has been invented by the bureau during the year which, it is expected, will greatly increase the navy's efficiency in submarine warfare. This target is released from a submerged position, rises slowly to the surface of the water, where it remains for a short time before sinking again.

Experiments have also been carried out for improvement of powders, high explosives, aircraft bombs, and smoke-producing devices, with a view to refloating antiquated paraphernalia in use in the navy.

Russia to Send Moslems on Pilgrimage to Mecca

Odessa.—Although the soviet government is avowedly atheistic, the authorities have decided to facilitate pilgrimages of devout Mussulman residents of Russia to Mecca, Jeddah and other holy places. The move is intended frankly as a message to sths the favor of this section of the population, which numbers about 15,000,000. The first group of pilgrims will sail early in March, and provision has been made to transport 1,000 monthly.

Wise Judge

Camden, N. J.—Wives would be better off if they talked less, in the opinion of Judge Samuel Shaw, so he dismissed a separation suit.

PROSPECTOR GIVES ORPHANS MILLIONS

Small Part of Great Estate Is Left to Kin.

Tulsa, Okla.—Less than $1,000,000 of the $12,000,000 estate of the late Charles Page, multimillionaire philanthropist of this city, will pay the annuities provided in his will for his wife, daughter, and other relatives. The rest will carry on his philanthropic work for the poor.

The hobby of the Oklahoma "tither" to care for poverty-stricken orphans and widows was more than a lifetime thing, for by his will his work at Sand Springs, a suburb of Tulsa, will go on.

Sand Springs was built by Page. He maintained there an orphanage for 100 adopted children and a widow's colony for dependent mothers. In addition there was a hospital for the poor. It was for this work that Page gave $11,000,000, while his own kin got a million from his estate.

Years ago after Page had gone broke as a prospector he became a tither. He said God was his partner. At least 10 per cent of his earnings was to go to God's work. He regarded his orphans and his dependent widows as his religion, and he cared for them bountifully while he lived.

His 100 children were adopted legally and reared in the great orphanage at Sand Springs. He built an amusement park for them and other children of Tulsa. The dependent widows lived in cottages built and maintained by him.

To his wife Mr. Page left an annuity of $2,000 a month for her lifetime and their home at Sand Springs. He provided for upkeep of the home. When his daughter, Mary, now fifteen years old, becomes twenty-one she is to receive $500 a month.

Hydrogen Is Returning to Favor for Balloons

Washington.—Helium, one of the youngest members of a large family of gases, but very useful to Uncle Sam because it lifts balloons, is looking to its laurels. Hydrogen, an older brother, is returning to favor.

Because of its high inflammability, hydrogen left a quality to be desired which helium was subsequently found to possess. Helium, however, was exceedingly rare as opposed to the abundance of its rival, and it was expensive to manufacture.

Recently the experience of a British dirigible visited by lightning during a storm led to the conclusion that hydrogen was more to be respected than disdained. If they could eliminate an additional hazard, that of the combustible fumes generated by the gasoline motors, engineers believe they could re-establish hydrogen as premier for gas-bag inflation.

Development of an engine utilizing crude oil for fuel has monopolized their efforts.

Decoys Cobra From Her Ankle; Saves Guests

Trincomali, Ceylon.—Strategy of the hostess saved a party of dinner guests here from a dangerous snake.

A British dockyard official was giving the dinner to a few friends. Half way through the meal every one was horrified to hear the official's wife order a servant to place a bowl of milk on the floor near her feet. Instinctively every one knew that a snake was in the room.

No one moved. All peered apprehensively about. Presently a large cobra was seen to glide from under the table and go to the bowl of milk, an irresistible bait. The woman fainted. The cobra, deadliest snake in the world, had been coiled about her ankle.

Butterfly Alive After 4,000 Miles in Mails

Winnipeg, Man.—On opening a newspaper sent him from Honolulu, Col. Thomas Combs, Greenwood place, field secretary of the Salvation Army, was surprised to see a beautiful blue-and-white butterfly drop out and flutter round the room. The paper was sent by Capt. A. Mitchell, who is in command of a branch of the army's work in Honolulu, and the butterfly seemed none the worse for its journey of 4,000 miles through the mail.

New School of Art

New York.—Charcoal and pastel are forming a new school of American art which will sometime replace that of the oil portrait, asserts William Van Dresser, eminent American artist.

Out of Prison, He's Man Without Country

Baltimore, Md.—Lawrence Walter Sheahan left Maryland penitentiary recently a man without a country. Years ago he traded his British citizenship for allegiance to the country he now must leave if he is to stay out of prison, and British authorities have warned him he will not be allowed to live in Ireland.

Sheahan who says he has estates awaiting him in Ireland, was paroled by Gov. Albert C. Ritchie on condition that he leave the United States immediately. He had served six years of a ten-year sentence for hotel thefts.

HUNTERS FAIL TO THIN OUT WILDCATS

Little Hope of Clearing Forest of Beasts.

Olympia, Wash.—Not in one hundred years will the cougar, or bobcat, be banished from the forests of the northwest states is the opinion of state and government predatory animal hunters.

Scores of these are killed in every section of the Northwest each year, yet every spring fills the depleted ranks with playful kittens, potential game and livestock destroyers. For a long time to come the cougar will continue to flourish in the rugged wooded parts, chiefly because that, catlike, it is the king of stalkers. Guns are a great variety of meat, and can only be successfully hunted by the use of cleverly trained trailing dogs.

The destruction of cougars by paid hunters varies widely over the western states. In Whatcom county, Washington, last year, 129 were brought in for bounties; 125 were slain in Wasco county, Oregon, in 11 months, while provincial agents in British Columbia report the destruction of 1,087 the last 12 months.

In Mariel county, Oregon, Hathaven Jones, hunter and trapper, claims to have killed over 100 mountain lions in his career, while Lester Wagner of Skagit county, Washington, has skins to prove the destroying of 187 bobcats.

No matter what name the cougar is called in various parts of the West, it is the same animal, stealthily invading domestic herds or preying cunningly on deer, young elk, small animals or game birds. In Washington and Oregon the animal is called the cougar; California and New Mexico use the title mountain lion; Canada, the catamount; Colorado and Texas the puma; Montana and Idaho simply designate it as the wildcat.

By any name the animal is well named, living up to every reputation attached to it, plying its destructiveness and rearing a family secretly on the border of the agricultural and grazing country. Waste, hilly, forested land with piles of loosely cast-up rocks is the favorite hiding place of the pussy-footed prowler.

Paris Uses Blood Test as Gauge for Drunkard

Paris.—A blood test is the really modern way to determine whether a staggering gentleman is really drunk. Striking proof that this is more certain than the old-time police method of making a suspect walk a chalk line has been accepted by the Paris courts.

It is true that the experiment in this case was on a dead man, but chemists say the method will work as well on a live one. A motorist ran into a pedestrian who staggered into the car's right of way. The man was killed. There were no eye-witnesses, but the driver demanded an autopsy.

Leon Bonn, an expert chemist attached to the courts, analyzed the victim's blood and found alcohol in sufficient quantity to indicate the man had drunk about four quarts of wine of 10 per cent alcoholic content. That made four-fifths of a pint of pure alcohol, which, the judge agreed, was enough to make the hardest drinker disregard traffic regulations.

Standardizing Utensils Hope of German Woman

Berlin.—Asserting that the business of housekeeping, while employing the largest number of "hands" of any "industry," is the most disorganized in Germany, Dr. Marie-Elisabeth Lueder, feminist and democratic reichstag deputy, has started a campaign for the standardization of household utensils as the first step to greater efficiency and less drudgery in the home.

"There are seventy-two different coffee mills on the market," Doctor Lueder said by way of illustration. "Six machines would gratify every whim of housewives. If manufacturers concentrated on putting out just six mills, prices would fall and a better product would result."

Monopoly on Emeralds Held by Soviet Russia

Moscow.—Russia now has practically a monopoly of the world's supply of emeralds, according to Manager Kuratkin of the government trust for export of Russian colored stones. An emerald mine in the Ural mountains, he said, one of the only two such mines in existence, has been put back in operation. It was owned by a French concern before the Russian revolution, he said, and was flooded by its French owners when the Soviet officials came to confiscate it. Soviet workmen recently pumped it out.

Begins Walk Around World With Barrow

New York.—Traveling on foot and pushing a wheelbarrow, Dennis McGreney is "hiking" around the world. He plans to earn his way as he walks and intends to visit every continent completing the tour in about three and one-half years.

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FOREST VIEW

We certainly wish the ground hog had failed to see his shadow this time, and we could see a little more of the sun to dry out our roads. The ruts are getting so deep it makes such bad traveling.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan, and children, visited his father, in Charlotte County recently.

Mrs. Carl Ewers, of Lynchburg, spent several days with her parents week before last, her husband came down on Thursday. They returned home on Friday accompanied by her mother, Mrs. T. H. Ford, when she spent a few days.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hendrick is much better after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin accompanied by Master Thomas Odor spent Sunday in the home of A. S. Woolridge recently.

Mr. Leslie Morris wishes to thank his many friends for their kindness in helping him to get his tobacco ready for market, also says, "he certainly did enjoy talking with his old neighbors and friends." He returned to his home near Farmville last week.

Miss Helen Dickerson spent last Wednesday night in the home of R. W. Martin.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the mass meeting at the C. H. last Saturday and heard some good talks etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Burnett, who have been living near High View for a few years, now leaves for the former's old home in Halifax County to live with his mother, who lost her husband a few weeks before Xmas. We wish them much success.

Mr. McDaniel who has built upon the main Red House road has moved in, and clearing up in general, making things look good.

Mr. Robert Magann, of Charlotte, was a visitor in the neighborhood this week-end. He expects to make his home up this way.

We understand there has been an upset bid put in: on the Miss Jennie Cheatham estate.

EVERGREEN

It is hard to realize that we have only two more weeks of winter. We hope March will behave nicer, and not put on too many "airs."

We are sorry to say the condition of Mrs. A. J. Harvey who has been ill for sometime is not very encouraging.

Mr. W. B. Thomas is visiting in Richmond this week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Dabney Inge is critically ill with spinal miningettis.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Evans and son, Reed, motored to Hopewell Monday, where he will spend a few days.

Our mail carrier, Mr. Tom Le-Grand, who has been on the sick list is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Harvey, and baby, were the week-end guests of Mrs. H. H. Jennings Epes Irby, Lucile Jones, Edith Lucado, Irene Mann, Selma Martin, Roy Robertson, Dorothy Sears, Frances Smith, Helen Smith, Thelma Torrence, Kathryn Tweedy.

2nd grade, E. G. Smith, Dick Dickerson, Carl Evans, Josnua Pretlow, Alfred Torrence, Jesse Tarrence, Calhoun Moore, Carrington Price, Chas Cartr, Caroline Jones, Rachel Trent, Virginia Almond, Bessie Christian, Ola Furbush, Elizabeth LeGrand, Ruth Smith.

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6th grade, Mandane Anderson, Nellie Bloxton, Carrie Jamerson, Hilda Moore, Claudine O'Brien, Eloise O'Brien, Billy Hubbard, Garland Plunkett, Olive Lee Smith.

5th grade, Elliott Torrence, Thelma Morris, LawrenceMoore, Ruby Cole, Harry Lee and Dorothy Price, Sam Lee, Mabelle Smith, Margaret Carter, Elizabeth Cralle, Mabel Hall, Dorothy Tweedy, Marie Clark, Rachel Guills, Helen Evans, Mary Walker McNally.

4th grade, Willie Guthrie Anderson, Alice Burks, Edith Franklin, Virginia Glenn, Lorraine Handy, Erma Dickerson, Berta Dinwiddie, Elva Smith, Cecil Torrence, Christine Caldwell, Geneva Wingfield, David Carter, Charlie Guill, Billy Smith.

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